# PLAYERS STAGE

Amateur Thespians Gather for Opening "Shindig" of Spring Season.

#### TONE IS CABARETISH

Song and Jest, Not to Mention Merry Quip, Make Up Program with Terpsichorean Finish.

Something more than an invitation was needed to break into the "apring frolic" of the Players' Club of Washington last night. The club held its vernal "shindig" in its rooms at 1340 New York avenue and the "frolickers" were but slightly fewer than the program-holders.

It was a very caharctish affair, this frolic, and after it was all over, there was a dance, for youth must be served. But before coming to the dance, there's something more to tell. George A. Bentley, who made a very capable major-domo, did the announcing without a megaphone. By actual count there were thirty-five acts scheduled on the program, but By actual count there were thirty at the Smithsonian institute; floward active acts scheduled on the program, but ton, the newspaper scribe; L. Stoddard some of the actors stayed home, which Taylor, who believes in uplifting the was well, as the "frolic" probably drama and manages a theater for recreation; M. T. Kahn, of the club council; would be frolicking yet. It isn't exwas well, as the "frolic" probably would be frolicking yet. It isn't ex-actly fair to pick on a little fellow. but Clifford Stump, who can't weigh a pound over 225, obliged with a guitar solo, which was called a "laughing song." Mr. Stump did the laughing in ragtime and the audience joined in

#### Miss Minnix Was There.

It being impossible to speak of ev-ery one's act, Edwin Callow ought to be mentioned at this point. Mr. Callow announced an adventure of "Georga da Wash," in connection with the well-known cherry tree. Of course, it was in dialect. "Dis Georga da Wash," in dialect. "Dis Georga da Wash," said Mr. Callow, "cuta beeg lim' froma da cherry tree wit' da safe' raze' for to maka biga baseball bat." It seems that George, in his bat-making efforts,

desired to 'play beeg gem for cham-'ship United States an' Cuba." Right on the heels of Mr. Callow they dug Mr. Leroy Gilder from the heart of the program and the audience to sing a little song or two-chiefly two. His music was a bit technical for journalistic de-scription, but it "went across big," the same containing certain weepy elements that greatly impressed a few of the young ut in front and certain parties who

men out in front and certain parties who were with them.

Before we forget it, there was Miss Mary Minnix. It seems that Miss Minnix came down all dressed up in her Sunday bail gown-certainiy, they wear 'em on Sunday-and she was suddenly "called upon." as they say at banquets, for a little monologue expressing with a wealth. little monologue, expressing with a wealth of elocution and a manner most inim-itable the dolorous efforts of a young wife to purchase two dozen loin chops for her husband's breakfast.

### Some of These Performed.

There was a whole lot more on the but the time had arrived for are their names. Those programmed, reare their names. Those programmed, regardless of whether they came or not, were Miss Mary Sherier, George H. O'Connor, Miss Richie McLean, Arthur H. Diebert, Miss Agnes Whelan, Arthur H. Pierce, Miss Mary Minnix, Walter T. Holt, Mrs. Maud Howell Smith, Miss fierce but inaudible denials to the chancle E. Hill, Mrs. Anna Brett Summy, Newton T. Hammer, LeRoy Gilder, Miss Newton T. Hammer, LeRoy Gilder, Miss Newton T. Hammer, LeRoy Gilder, Miss Alice E. Hill, Mrs. Anna Brett Summy, Newton T. Hammer, LeRoy Gilder, Miss Helen MacLeod, Earl Carbauh, Miss Marie Ehm, Ed E. Muth, Miss Alice Fow-ler, Walter G. Charmbury, Miss Jéan-ette P. Buckman, Maurice H. Jarvis, Miss Ruth A. Stokes, Roland R. Rodrick, Arthur M. McCreight, W. Cliff Stump, Harry Wheaton Howard, Charles N. Gordon, Niles Bryant, jr., Edwin Callow, Mrs. Frank F. Maxwell, L. E. Nottingham. Charles Purdy, James A. White, jr., George A. Bentley, and Miss Mabel\*E. Roberts. The dancing was altogether terpsichor-



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## \$196,000,000 IN BULLION

Special to The Washington Hertid.

Vers Crun, May 18.—It was removed here today that \$155,000,000 in allver builton belonging to aix mining interests was secreted in Hexico City when the owners saught safety on the count.

Huerto, it is said, has refused to permit the fraunder of the sliver barn, and if discoverd the huge sum will go to his war fund.

ean. as dances ought to be, but there's no use being so critical. Miss Dorris Moore, somebody said, was the prettiest girl on the floor, and it's aumitted with certain reservations, although a roll call would be necessary to decide the point. Almost everybody "was there with," so to speak, and the point is one which might arouse all sorts of comment, but beauty at the "frolic," was quite universal.

ment Plans. Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, May 12.-There was a violen scene in the House of Commons tonigh following Premier Asquith's announce ment of the government's plan in regard to home rule. The premier said, in effect, that the government intends, that the the statute books. It then is planned to introduce an amending bill, which will temporary and optional exclusion of the Ulster counties. Arthur J. Balfour bitterly criticises

Arthur J. Balfour bitterly criticises this proposal, declaring that the government was asking the house to pass a measure which was admittedly defective, and which it is confessed must be amended before it could be of service. Lloyd-George angrily retorted that the government was not dissatisfied with the bill, but was only striving for peace. "If every effort made by the government is treated in this spirit," he added, "civil war will be promoted."

#### HER \$100,000 GEMS VANISH IN PARIS

American Woman Misses Diamonds After Supper in Restaurant-Believed to Be Thieves' Victim.

London, May 12.-Two large diamonds, valued at \$100,000 were lost in Paris late resterday by Mrs. K. Richards, of Atlan-tic City. The police believe they were stolen. Mrs. Richards, who is passing the season in Paris, went to the opera last night, and went to a restaurant for supper. At that time she was still wearing the diamonds, and it was not until after supper while speeding in her automobile to her apartment in the Rue Pierre Charron, that Mrs. Richards discovered her loss.

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REFUSES CALL TO CAPITAL.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Buffalo, N. Y., May 12—Rev. George Caleb Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Y., announced tonight that he had declined a call to Immanuel Baptist Church in Washington.

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His church at Jamestown burned down manently disable it by taking away estimates months ago, and he desires to see sential portions of the machinery. To the republic before making a chafige. Mr. have permitted this would have exposed to Moore was offered an annual salary of the machinetic state. The machine is shown to go to Washington.

## Vera Cruz Again A Wide Open Town

Only Vice of Former Days Which Has Not Reopened Is Public Gambling-No Drinking Among the Soldiers or Sailors in Sea Port.

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He Pictorially Regrets.

Thicidentally, there were a few who sat around the wall and watched the dance ling. There was Perey S. Foster, who sells planos and eccasionally forgets to enjoy himself; there was Carl Hawes. Buttman, who amuses himself by telling the magnales about the new collections at the Smithsonian Institute: Howard Acton, the newswaper scribe. L. Ecodoris during the magnales about the new collections at the Smithsonian Institute: Howard Acton, the newswaper scribe. L. Ecodoris during the magnales about two brustets marine, or soldier under the influence of the first week, this is a reject, one reporter and two brustets marine, or soldier under the influence of the missing were on speaking terms with a plano and a drum.

Those who falled to show up for the "hindigs" are unquestionably sbryr this morning, including Clif Berryman, the cartoonist, who seen this regrets in price. Instead it was the rarest thing to see a man in uniform either on duty were perture form and had them framed for his trouble.

HOME RULE BILL WILL PASS IN PRESENT FORM

Violent Scene in Commons as Premier Asquith Announces Government Plans.

This was the dispatch on which the

eached the Navy Department:

No War Move.

its views on these two dispatches. They clearly reflected the arguments which

Secretary Bryan used when he called

and it was obviously necessary to refuse to let the lighthouse keeper practically destroy this important aid to navigation. "The commander of the Faming, wish-

## ATTACK ON CAPITAL

This was the dispatch on which the department relied when it gave out a statement asserting that the United States was merely maintaining the light after the keepers had deserted the island. Apparently, though, the mediators received information from Huerta that he had in his possession a statement in writing in support of his contentions for the United States government continued its efforts to obtain further details from Admiral Badger.

Late yesterday this second dispatch reached the Navy Department:

This was the positive statement this reached the Navy Department:
"Referring to department's midnight
Sunday, determined that the only thing
that could be construed as occupation
of Lobos Island was that lighthouse

This was the positive statement this afternoon of Roberto V. Pesquiers, confidential agent of the constitutionalist party in the United States.

"There is an understanding between of Lobos Island was that lightnouse keeper, when leaving light was prevented from taking away with him certain essential parts of light machinery, and for personal protection of lightkeeper he was given by commanding officer of the Fangiven by commanding officer of the Fangiven by commanding officer of the fanging a certificate that light was taken by the control of this light is

force. The operation of this light is considered of greatest importance to all "Gen. Carranza has sent messages to Zapata to not invest the city until such time when he will be assisted in the at-tack by Gens. Villa, Gonzales, Madero,

#### WATER SUPPLY SAFE. FUNSTON SAYS IN CABLE

Gen. Funston yesterday notified the War Department that, in case alarming reports are circulated of attempts on the part of the Mexican federal soldiers outside of Vera Cruz to cut off the city's water supply, it would be safe to deny them. Rumors continue in Vera Cruz that such attempts are being planned, but Gen. Funston stated in his cable that he was of the opinion that they were based solely on statements made by Gen. Maas and Gen. Navarette.

There has been no actual movement of the federal lines, so far as Gen. Funston can learn. Secretary Garrison said yes. Gen. Funston yesterday notified the

can learn. Secretary Garrison said yes-terday. The pumping station is well guarded, and cannot be taken from the United States troops by force, Funston

#### HOSPITAL SHIP TO BRING WOUNDED TO GOTHAM TONIGHT

New York, May 12.-Arrangements New York, May II.—Arrangements were completed today for the reception here of the wounded sailors and marines being brought from Vera Crus on the naval hospital ship Solace. A wireless from the commander of the Solace stated there are sixty-one patients on the ship.

The Solace will arrive late tomorrow, but the work of transferable with the work of the work The Solace will arrive late tomorrow, but the work of transferring the wounded to the naval hospital in Brooklyn will not begin until Thursday morning.
The bodies of Fireman Ray H Pulliam and Seaman Clarence Harshberger, the two men who died of their wounds on the homeward voyage, will be sent to their former homes. Pulliam's parents reside in Pulaski, Va.; Harshberger's in Waverly, N. Y. ly, N. Y.

### CARRANZA IN DURANGO.

Durango, Mexico, May 12.—Gen. Venus-iano Carranza, first chief of the consti-utionalist party in Mexico, and Protutionalist party in Mexico, and Provisional President of the republic, accompanied by his personal staff and bodyguard and several members of his cabinet, arrived here from Torreon Saturday night and since that time has been
occupied in reorganising the state government. Gen. Carranza probably will
remain here until after the fall of Salillio when he will move his headquarters
there and establish a provisional capital.
One of the chief reasons for Carranza's
trip to the South, is to be in close touch
with military operations which are progressing so rapidly and so favorably for
the constitutionalists.

### BANDIT THREATENS AMERICANS.

El Paso, May 12—Army officials here have received information that Rodrigo Quevedo, the bandit chieftain operating in the Mexican border in the vicinity of columbus. N. Mex., has threatened to ill three Americans for every member this band that is killed by constitu-onalist troops that ionalist troops that have been disput from Juares to run him down. His threat was sent here today by f Columbus, and army officials who

of Columbus are watching for Quever

### TEXAS TO MEXICAN WATERS.

ammunition and a detachment of sanora. It is expected that her commander, Capt. Albert W. Grant, will receive orders to form a unit in the squadron now composed of the New York and numerous gunboat and monitors, and then await eventualities at Tampico.

#### BRITONS KILLED IN MEXICO.

London, May 12.—Formal announcement of the recent murder of two British subjects in Mexico, and the serious wounding of another, was made in parliament today by Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Acland. The dead are: G. E. Williams and S. J. Green, while the wounded man is F

### FALL OFF ROOF KILLS TROOPER.

Gen. Funston reported last night, that Private Maurice Welch, Company A, Nineteenth infantry, was killed at Vera Cruz by falling off a roof. In his report, Gen. Funston said that Welch met his death while doing guard duty, and that the accident was not due to carelessness or needlessness. negligence on the part of the soldier

### **RED MEN GIVE PARADE BEFORE INITIATION**

Members from Baltimore and Alexandria Augment Procession-100

OVER SEIZURE

"The commander of the Fasining, wishing as an act of courtesy to the lighthouse keeper and to save him possible serious consequences for his desertion of his post, gave him a certificate that he was in no wise to blame for his failure to bring the parts of the working machinery with him which he was directed to leave behind.

"The department is not advised of the exact wording of this certificate, but its in no way to be construed as a certificate that he was maintained light and guarded property on shore. Lighthouse keepers were told they were free to come and go as they pleased. No occupation in military sense has occurred."

This was the dispatch on which the

E. R. Boyer, of the Red Wing Tribe, was the grand marshal of the parade and after the march down Pennsylvania avenue the Red Men filed into old Masonic Tempie at Ninth and F streets where the initiation ceremonies were held. The marchers in Indian costume excited all sorts of comment from pedestrians along the avenue, as the parade was totally unberglided. Nearly all the members were in costume and the red lights helped out the

PRESIDENT CONFERS Mexican Situation Fully Discusse

White House.

HUERTA'S REIGN NEARING END

Embassy at Mexico City, for an hour last night. It was the first time he had seen Mr. O'Shaughnessy since the latter was Mr. O'Shaughnessy since the latter was handed his passports by the Mexican secretary of foreign affairs. The interview was described as a pleasant hour's conversation, and it was indicated that the President did as much of the talking as his visitor.

Authoritative dehial was made last night that Mr. O'Shaughnessy had returned from Mexico nursing dissatisfaction with the Wilson administration, as did former Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson.

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Mr. O'Shaughnessy was questioned by the President with regard to the personalities of Huerta and other dominating figures in Mexico, and information was given filling in that which the President has gathered from other sources. Notefort was made by the diplomatic officer, to convince the President that definite changes from the present policy are necessary, nor was there any evidence from his conversation that he regarded himself as anything other than a subordinate reporting to his superior.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, it is understood, tid not, however, conceal the conviction in the present that he regarded in the conviction is the present policy are the conviction that he regarded in the conviction is the present policy and the present policy are the presen

did not, however, conceal the conviction that the reports emanating from Vera. Crux and Mexico City that Gen. Huerta is preparing to relinquish the Provisional Presidency and flee to Europe are groundless. His belief is that the dictator will fight to the last and give in only when forced to do so.

It was learned tonight that Mr. O'Shauchessey's prepared belief in that fight.

under a stable government, pro

main first secretary and charge of the Embassy at Mexico City and will con-tinue to draw the salary for that post, unless Congress withdraws the appro-priation for it.

#### ADVANCES STRIKE REMEDY. Industrial Relations Commission

Drafts New Mediation Bill.

The Industrial Relations Commission has drafted a bill creating a national board of mediation and conciliation to deal with strikes that may involve the Federal government. The draft will be sent out to the public with a request for criticisms, and the public hearings will be held by the commission, beginning in New York Monday.

New York, May 12—Asserting that her store the House appropriation of \$50,000. Later Senator Gore, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, made a fervent appeal to the Senate to make the appropriation \$20,000 instead of \$50,000. But his proposed amendment was rejected to the public with a request for criticisms, and the public hearings will be held by the commission, beginning in New York Monday.

New York, May 12—Asserting that her quest for criticisms, and the public hearings will be held by the commis-sion, beginning in New York Monday. The bill is modeled somewhat after the plan of the Newlands act creating the present board of conciliation and mediation for dealing with disputes on railways. One of the important fea-tures of the bill is its plan for co-operjoining with such boards in any section of the country for united action, whenever a dispute extends beyond the limits of a single State.

## STABBED AS RESULT OF PRANK.

Butcher Who Chased Bim. As a result of a prank, Abner White, colored, of 214 Thirteenth atreet northwest, is at Emergency Hospital auflering from a butcher knife wound in the chest and heart, inflicted by Fred Jowish, grocer, at Fourteenth and Monroe streets northwest.

At Emergency Hospital White said it was an accident. He said "de boss often playfully chased after me wid a knife, but never meant no harm.

Although seriously weunded White walked several blocks to the Northern Dispensary Hospital and from there was

Business Men Oppose Avis Measure as Lacking "In Discrimination of Intent."

CONSIDER OUTING FOR SUMMER

The Chamber of Commerce again de-bated the merits of the Avis bad check bated the merits of the Avis oad check bill pending in the House at its monthly meeting last night. At the last meeting it went on record as opposed to it, be-cause it did not distinguish between cases involving and not involving guilty intent. Business men, who were not at that meeting made a motion to reconsider, and, after a perliamentary skirmish President The body again went on record agains

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Senator Butler, of North Carolina.

closed the debate for the antiz. The bill
introduced by Representative Avis, of
West Virginia, would give the maker of a bad check twenty days to make good, but this, the chamber concluded, would not relieve the drawer of the stigma of crime under the wording of the bill.
Richard P. Andrews, chairman of the tertainment committee, proposed thre neraries for an outing for the chambe the coming summer. The members voted in favor of a day trip down the Potomac in June or July, with a night and day between Old Point Comfort. Norfolk and Cape Henry. The date will be announced

New York, May 12.-Asserting that her

in favor of Isaac Will, whose wife wrote to him that she would not contest his

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caucus that the administration program would be adopted just as it was presented by Mr. Underwood. Amendments offered to make the rural credits bill, the bill aimed at dealings in cotton futures, and a number of other bills part of the legisa number of other bills part of the legi-lative program were defeated by over-whelming votes. The rural credits bill had more strength than any of the others, but only twenty of the more than 500 Democrats present voted to incorporate it in the program.

It was decided before the caucus was called to order that neither the prohibition amendments nor the suffrage amendments should be given place in the program. The vote on the prohibition amend-

gram. The vote on the prohibition amendments will be provided by other means.
Suffrage will not come up at this session
if the House leaders adhere to their present determination.
Bitter complaint was made by Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina,
an anti-administration Democrat, over
the failure of the President to ask for
the passage of the rural credit bill. Mr.
Ragsdale charged the President with bad
faith on this proposition. He said that
Mr. Wilson had promised when the Pederal reserve bill was passed that a rural.

session.

The President could not agree with the subcommittee that has drafted a rural credit bill, so he telephoned to The President could not surve the subcommittee that has drafted a rural credit bill, so he telephoned to the Capitol, saying that the program may be adopted without a rural credit may be adopted by precludes this the party.

### FRIENDS OF BIRDS WIN IN SENATE CONTEST

By Vote of 45 to 17, \$50,000 la Provided to Enforce Mi-

gratory Law. The Senate yesterday, by a vote of 6 cultural appropriation bill reported from

The discussion of District representa-tion in Congress went over until the first fall meeting.

ducing the proposed appropriation in the bill as it passed the House from \$50,000 to \$10,000 for enforcing the migratory bird law. The effect of the vote was to re-store the House appropriation of \$50,000.

tions, and other societies interested in marital troubles are due to the fact that she cannot tango as well as a woman known to her as "Jennie," Mrs. Maude L. Watts sued for a separation.

New York. May 12.—A referee reported in favor of Isaac Will, whose wife wrote: the larger appropriation to enforce the

"The Senate has been swept off its feet by a storm of telegrams all from the same source and that an Irrespon-sible source," said Senator Reed.









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